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C. NATO 3958 DTG 281635Z JUL 75

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1. AC/276 (MBFR DATA) WP (75) 4, NATO FORCES IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA (NGA) PERIOD END 1974 HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND IS ACCEPTABLE WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. ANNEX, PART 1, SECTION B, PAGE 3, SERIAL 4F: AIR FORCE MANNING FIGURES FOR "BASE SUPPORT AND COMMAND ELEMENTS" SHOULD BE CHANGED FROM 3,390 TO 3,930 AS NUMBERS WERE TRANSPOSED.

B. ANNEX, PART 2, SECTION D, PAGE 11, SERIAL 20: "TRANSPORT REGTS" SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ "TRANSPORT UNITS" AS US TRANSPORTATION UNITS ARE NOT ORGANIZED IN REGIMENTS.

C. ANNEX, PART 2, SECTION D, PAGE 12, VTH CORPS AND VIITH CORPS, SERIAL II: "CORPS TRANSPORT UNITS" UNDER BOTH CORPS SHOULD BE INDENTED TWO SPACES TO THE RIGHT TO BE IN LINE WITH OTHER SUB-UNITS, "AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNITS" AND "MISC. UNITS."

D. ANNEX, PART 3, SECTION D, PAGES 20 AND 21: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SHORT LEAVE PERSONNEL COULD BE DELETED FROM THE DUTCH LINE ITEMS TO ALLOW PLANNERS TO HAVE AN ACCURATE CONCEPTION OF THE NUMBER OF DUTCH PERSONNEL ACTUALLY SUBJECT TO REDUCTIONS WITHIN THE UNITS LISTED. WE FEEL THIS WOULD IMPROVE CLARITY, BUT WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DELAY FINAL APPROVAL OF THE DOCUMENT MERELY FOR THIS CHANGE.

E. ANNEX, PART 7, SECTION A, PAGE 35, PARA 4B: CHANGE FIGURE FOR "FURTH" FROM 20 TO 30 TO CORRECT APPARENT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

2. RE THE NUMBER OF BASIC MBFR DATA DOCUMENTS, WE WILL ACCEPT USMISSION AND CHAIRMAN MBFR WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOT PRESS AT THIS TIME FOR ELIMINATING THE THREE MENTIONED DOCUMENTS (REFTEL B) FROM "BASIC RECURRING MBFR DATA PUBLICATIONS."

3. HOWEVER, TO AVOID FUTURE CONFLICTING INTERPRETATIONS
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OVER DATA OR CONFUSION AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES THE LATEST MBFR DATA, WE STILL HOPE TO MOVE TOWARD PRIMARY RELIANCE IN THE FUTURE ON TWO DOCUMENTS: MCM-86, "WARSAW PACT FORCES IN THE NGA," AND AC/276 (MBFR DATA) WP (74) 4, "NATO FORCES IN THE NGA." WE RECOMMEND THAT THE WG NOTE IN AC/276-WP (75)11, "BASIC RECURRING MBFR DATA PUBLICATIONS," THAT THE TWO MENTIONED DOCUMENTS ARE THE PRIMARY SOURCES AND THAT THE OTHER THREE ARE SUBSIDIARY SOURCES.

4. SHOULD THESE TWO PRIMARY DOCUMENTS NOT FULLY MEET THE NEEDS OF MBFR NEGOTIATORS OR PLANNERS, THEY CAN EASILY BE AMENDED BY THE CORRIGENDUM METHOD. BOTH DOCUMENTS CAN READILY BE TAILORED TO MEET ANY FUTURE SPECIFIC MBFR NEEDS.

5. BY ADVOCATING THE DE-EMPHASIS OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AS BASIC RECURRING MBFR DATA PUBLICATIONS, WE ARE NOT IMPLYING THAT THESE DOCUMENTS COULD NOT BE USED FOR MBFR PLANNING. ON THE CONTRARY, WE BELIEVE ANY NATO DOCUMENT WHICH PROVES HELPFUL TO MBFR PLANNING SHOULD BE USED. RATHER, OUR OBJECTIVE IN LIMITING THE NATO DATA DOCUMENTS KNOWN AS "BASIC MBFR DATA PUBLICATIONS" IS TO PREVENT CONFLICTING INTERPRETATION OF DATA OR CONFUSION AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES THE LATEST MBFR DATA.

6. WE WOULD NOT APPROVE AC/276 (MBFR DATA) WP (75) 2 AT THIS TIME SINCE THIS MATERIAL IS TO BE REVIEWED IN DEPTH AT THE MC-224/75 CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER. AT THAT CONFERENCE, INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP ORDER OF BATTLE FIGURES IN DETAIL FOR THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE FORCES AND THE RESULTING FIGURES WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE CHANGED, AS THE NOTE IN AC/276 (MBFR DATA) WP (75) 2 ANTICIPATES. HENCE, AN AC/276 APPROVAL NOW WOULD BE VALID FOR ONLY A FEW WEEKS.

7. AS TO FREQUENCY OF PUBLICATION, WE BELIEVE THAT UPDATES OF THE AC/276 (MBFR DATA) WP (75) 2 SHOULD ONLY BE ISSUED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF A CHANGE TO EITHER MCM-86 OR AC/276 (MBFR DATA) WP (75) 4. KISSINGER

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